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From: Simatic, Kurt
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2008 11:07 AM
To: Kahler, Pam
Subject: Amendment needed for to AB 709

Attachments: Estimated Revenue Impact of AB 709 Marriage Licensing 02-14-08.pdf

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Estimated Revenue
Impact of AB ...

Please call with any questions.

Thanks.

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From: Simatic, Kurt
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2008 11:36 AM
To: Kahler, Pam
Subject: RE: Amendment needed for to AB 709

Thanks, Pam.

Let's go with the \$1 reduction.

Kurt

Called about how to deal with the 2 amounts (\$7 to CANPB and \$13 to DHFS) - Kurt said reduce total by \$1.00 and CANPB by \$.50

From: Kahler, Pam
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2008 11:29 AM
To: Simatic, Kurt
Subject: RE: Amendment needed for to AB 709

Kurt:

I assume you want to decrease the fee for a certified birth certificate, rather than reallocate the amounts that go to CANPB and DHFS. If that is the case, the reduction would be exactly \$1.23. Since this is an odd amount, do you want to use a \$1 or \$2 reduction? Let me know if you want to do something else. Thanks.

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February 14, 2008

TO: Representative Sheryl Albers
Room 115 West, State Capitol

FROM: Eric Peck, Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT: Estimated Revenue Impact of Assembly Bill 709

As you requested, this memorandum estimates the fiscal impact of AB 709, which would require all applicants for a marriage license in this state, rather than just those under age 30 as is currently the case, to exhibit to the clerk a certified copy of a birth certificate. The memorandum also provides additional information you requested regarding the fees charged for obtaining a birth certificate in Wisconsin.

The Bureau of Health Information and Policy of the Department of Health and Family Services reported the following information with respect to marriages and remarriages in Wisconsin in 2006:

Total Number of Brides Age 30 or Older:	12,929
Total Number of Grooms Age 30 or Older:	15,998
Total Number of Brides and Grooms Age 30 or Older:	28,927

It is not known how many of these people already possess a certified copy of their birth certificate. For purposes of this memorandum we assumed all these individuals would have to obtain a certified copy of their birth certificate if AB 709 becomes law. An adjustment is required, however, to reflect the fact that not all applicants for a Wisconsin marriage license were born in Wisconsin. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 27% of Wisconsin's population in 2000 was not born in Wisconsin. Assuming for purposes of this memorandum that a comparable

percentage of marriage license applicants are not Wisconsin natives, the number of additional people who might reasonably be expected to purchase a certified copy of their Wisconsin birth certificate as a result of AB 709 would be 73% of 28,297, or 21,117.

Certified copies of birth certificates can be obtained from the state registrar in Madison or from local registrars throughout the state. Pursuant to 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 (the biennial budget act, or Act 20), the fee for obtaining one certified copy of a birth certificate is \$20, which represents an \$8 increase from prior law. The fee for obtaining additional copies at the same time as the first copy is obtained is \$3 per additional copy. The \$3 fee for additional copies was not changed by Act 20.

If a person obtains the first copy of their birth certificate from the state registrar, \$7 of the \$20 fee is transferred to the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board (CANPB), and \$13 is retained by DHFS and credited to the vital records program revenue appropriation. If they obtain their birth certificate from a local registrar, \$7 is transferred to the CANPB, \$8 is transferred to DHFS and credited to the vital records program revenue appropriation, and \$5 is retained by the local registrar. Act 20 authorizes DHFS to submit a request to the Joint Committee on Finance to use some or all of the additional program revenues generated by this fee increase to fund a multi-year project that would automate and modernize the state's vital records system. The birth certificate fee increase included in Act 20 is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2010, at which time the fee will revert to \$12, of which \$7 will be forwarded to the CANPB and \$5 will be retained by either DHFS or the local registrar, depending upon which entity issues the certificate.

Applying the fees as increased by Act 20 to the estimated number of additional birth certificates that might be purchased as a result of AB 709 (21,117) produces the following estimate of additional revenues, by entity, that could be generated annually by AB 709:

CANPB	\$147,819*
DHFS	200,611*
Local Registrars	73,910*

*Assumes the state registrar and local registrars will issue the additional birth certificates required under AB 709 in the same relative proportion (30% and 70%, respectively), as the birth certificates they issued in 2006.

You asked for an estimate of the amount by which the current fee for a certified birth certificate would need to be reduced in order to make AB 709 revenue neutral with respect to the CANPB and DHFS. In 2006, the state registrar and local registrars issued approximately 261,224 first copies of certified and uncertified copies of birth certificates. As indicated, AB 709 may increase that total by approximately 21,117, to 282,341. To make AB 709 revenue neutral with respect to the CANPB, the amount the CANPB receives from each of the 282,341 birth certificates that would be issued under AB 709 would have to be reduced by approximately \$0.52 per certificate. To make AB 709 revenue neutral with respect to DHFS, revenues would have to be decreased, on average, by approximately \$0.71 per certificate. These decreases could be

accomplished by reducing the statutory fee and/or by reallocating the portion of the fees retained by the CANPB and DHFS.

You also asked how the fee Wisconsin charges for a certified birth certificate compares to the fees charged by surrounding states. That information, as well as a comparison to the 50-state average, is summarized below and is based on information provided by DHFS during the 2007-09 budget deliberations:

Fee for Issuing First Copy of Birth Certificate

Michigan	\$26.00
Wisconsin	20.00
Ohio	16.50
Minnesota	16.00
Iowa	15.00
Missouri	15.00
Illinois	15.00
Indiana	12.00
50-State Average	\$14.25

Finally, you inquired about the recent history of changes in Wisconsin's birth certificate fee. Prior to Act 20, the fee for obtaining the first certified or uncertified copy of a birth certificate was \$12, with \$7 to be forwarded to the CANPB. That prior fee had been in effect since state fiscal year 1995-96.

I hope this information is helpful. Please contact me if you would like any additional information.

EP/mb



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION
ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT,
TO 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 709

Mon a.m.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 1, line 2: after "certificate" insert "and reducing the fee for a copy of
3 a birth certificate".

4 **2.** Page 1, line 3: before that line insert:

5 "**SECTION 1c.** 69.22 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20,
6 section 1918k, is amended to read:

7 69.22 (1) (c) Twenty Nineteen dollars for issuing an uncertified copy of a birth
8 certificate or a certified copy of a birth certificate, \$7 \$6.50 of which shall be
9 forwarded to the secretary of administration as provided in sub. (1m) and credited
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11 certified or uncertified copy of the same birth certificate issued at the same time.

NOTE: NOTE: Par. (c) is amended eff. 7-1-10 by 2007 Wis. Act 20 to read:NOTE:

12 (c) Twelve dollars for issuing an uncertified copy of a birth certificate or a certified copy of a birth certificate, \$7 of which shall be forwarded to the secretary of
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1 **SECTION 1d.** 69.22 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20,
2 section 1918L, is amended to read:

3 69.22 (1) (c) ~~Twelve~~ Eleven dollars for issuing an uncertified copy of a birth
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14 69.22 (1p) (c) For any copy of a birth certificate that is issued before July 1,
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22 **4.** Page 2, line 8: delete "This act" and substitute "The treatment of section
23 765.09 (3) (b) of the statutes".

24 **5.** Page 2, line 9: after that line insert:

1 "SECTION 3c. Effective dates. ✓ This act takes effect on the day after
2 publication, except as follows:

3 (1) FEE FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATE. The ~~treatment~~ ^{repeal + recreation} of section 69.22 (1) (c) ^e (by SECTION
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